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Defense Directive Increases Off-Duty Educational Aid

Changes have been directed in DOD's off-duty education program to encourage enlisted and officer personnel to enroll in off-duty college programs and give individuals more tuition-sharing help.

Defense Directive 1322.8, issued May 1, removes the dollar limitation of $14.25 per semester hour and permits the services to pay up to 75 percent of tuition costs.

Pentagon officials said the limitation was eliminated because servicemen had indicated a desire for additional higher education if they could afford it. The national average cost of higher education is $25 per semester hour.

The DOD policy change is effective July 1. The services are authorized to issue implementing orders on that date or within 90 days after, in order that servicemen may begin paying only $25 of every $100 in tuition costs no later than the 1967 fall term.

The directive calls for newly-assigned personnel to be briefed on the full range of available off-duty education programs within 30 days after arrival. This can be accomplished in group or individual sessions, the directive states, but servicemen reporting to their first duty station must receive a personal interview and counseling session.

Ft. Rucker Named Winner Of DOD Conservation Award

Army's Ft. Rucker, Ala., has won DOD's highest honor for natural resources programs management among 70 competing United States installations.

Nominated installations were inspected in mid-May.

The 1966 Secretary of Defense Conservation Award will be presented to Ft. Rucker officials at a Pentagon ceremony June 5. Runners-up among five other nominees for the award are Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, Va., and Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Meridian, Miss.

Ft. Rucker is home of Army's Aviation School. It has 60,000 land acres and employs 26,700 military and civilian personnel.

The conservation award was established by Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara in 1962.

LEGION OF MERIT AWARDS—VAdm. Bernard F. Roeder (left), Commander First Fleet, presents the Legion of Merit to RAdm. Carlton B. Jones (center). Capt. Frank N. Shamer (right) also received the Legion of Merit. Captain Shamer relieved Admiral Jones as Commander, Mine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, during the ceremony at Long Beach, Calif. Admiral Jones has been named Commander, Naval Forces, Marianas, in Guam.

AF Nears Contracting Stage On CX-2 Evacuation Aircraft

Air Force hopes to award a contract by July 31 for the new CX-2 aeromedical evacuation aircraft. Requests for proposals were issued May 15, and responses were due 30 days later.

Initial delivery of eight aircraft is expected 12 to 15 months after award of the contract. They will be assigned to the Military Airlift Command's 375th Aeromedical Airlift Wing, Scott AFB, Ill.

The government has requested options at firm prices on an additional 42 aircraft.

The medium-sized turbine-powered jet transport will be used for domestic and intratheater aeromedical evacuation missions.

Desired performance and characteristics of the CX-2 include a minimum range of 2,000 nautical miles with 2,600 nautical miles desired; ability to take off and land over a 50-foot obstacle in not more than 5,000 feet; a payload of 30 litter patients plus medical crew or 40 ambulatory patients or combination of both.

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DOD CASUALTY STATISTICS show that 10,253 U.S. service personnel lost their lives in Vietnam through hostile action from Jan. 1, 1967, through May 20, 1967. Additionally, 2,058 lost their lives from non-hostile action causes.

MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE Academy's Third Class will begin summer training program with survival and air base defense training this year. Training will include briefings and demonstrations by Military Airlift Command members; weapons indoctrination with AR-15 rifle, 3.5 inch rocket launcher and M-79 grenade launcher; running close combat course using live ammunition and grenades; operational combat-type sorties, and a firepower demonstration by Tactical Air Command aircraft.

U.S. OFFICER will attend Indonesian Army Staff College at invitation of Brig. Gen. Hamzah, Indonesian Military Attache to Washington. Officer is Army Lt. Col. John W. Thompson, assigned to U.S. Defense Liaison Group in Djakarta from 1964 to 1966.

"HORNETS" OF ARMY'S 116th Assault Helicopter Co. recently set all time high within 12th Combat Aviation Group by flying more than 3,600 hours in one month. Record was set while supporting every major U.S. unit in III Corps area in Vietnam.

ARMY HAS SENT message to major commands pointing out that dependents going to Republic of Philippines to reside, while military sponsor is stationed elsewhere, are subject to immigration requirements as tourists. Under agreement, customs duty must be paid on household effects and POVs entering the republic. Also, dependents are not entitled to commissary and exchange privileges and are authorized only limited base privileges.

SITES FOR THREE of eight additional Marine Corps Junior ROTC units scheduled to be activated in September have been announced. Units will be activated this fall at Snohomish High School, Wash.; Catholic High School, Memphis, Tenn., and Catholic High School, Little Rock, Ark. This will bring total activated units to five. Plans call for ultimate establishment of 25 units by FY72.

NEW HELIPORT FACILITIES at Ft. Wolters, Tex., will be constructed under $3.8 million firm, fixed-price contract to H. B. Zachry Co., San Antonio, Tex. Contract award made by Fort Worth (Tex.) Engineer District.

RESERVE LIEUTENANT colonel board has convened at Randolph AFB, Tex., to consider all active-duty reserve majors eligible for promotion to permanent lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve. Total of 684 majors will be considered. All but six are line officers.

MAJ. GEN. VINCENT G. HUSTON, USAF, has been named Commander, National Range Division, AFSC. He will assume command July 1, with offices at Air Force Systems Command headquarters, Andrews AFB, Md. Gen. Huston has commanded Air Force Eastern Test Range, Patrick AFB, Fla., for past three years.

AIR FORCE RESERVISTS, flying C-124 Globemaster aircraft, are claiming a four-month record of flying missions to Southeast Asia in support of the Military Airlift Command. Between January and end of April, reserve crews flew 97 missions. Last year 38 trips were made in corresponding period.

A TWENTY-THOUSAND hour flying safety pin has been presented to Chief Master Sergeant Herman E. Rudowske, who served as flight engineer on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's aircraft in Korea. He is stationed at Charleston AFB, S.C. Gen. Howell M. Estes Jr., Military Airlift Command commander, presented the pin. Sgt. Rudowske has been flying for 26 years.

TACTICAL AIR COMMAND has expanded its course of instruction at the U.S. Air Force Ground Operations School, Eglin AFB, Fla. Instruction, formally offered only to selected staff officers, will now include special course for Army and Air Force senior NCOs. Importance of close coordination of air-ground operations between military personnel at all levels was cited as reason for adding course.

AIRMEN IN GRADES airman first class through tech sergeant are needed as instructors at several Air Training Command bases. Instructors are needed at Lackland and Sheppard Air Force Bases, Tex.; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Chanute AFB, Ill.; and Lowry AFB, Colo. Local personnel offices have application procedures.

CONTRACT FOR 7.62mm machine guns with spare barrel and bi-pod assemblies is being awarded to Maremont Corp., Saco, Maine. The $1.5 million contract is by Army Weapons Command, Rock Island, Ill.

UNIT WHICH OPERATES Air Defense Command's worldwide space-track system, the 73rd Aerospace Surveillance Wing, Ent AFB, Colo., will move its headquarters to Tyndall AFB, Fla., in July 1968. Relocation will permit utilization of vacated facilities at Tyndall and improve control of the prime operational squadron in Florida.

MORE THAN 400 spaces in the Airman Education and Commissioning Program have been allocated to the Air Force Institute of Technology for FY68. Selected airmen are sent to a civilian university at government expense for up to 24 months. After obtaining degree, graduates attend Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Tex., for 8-12 weeks.

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Background for Commanders

HONG KONG: HOT SPOT IN THE ORIENT

Recent Communist-instigated riots in Hong Kong growing out of labor disputes and other tensions in the area have focused world attention on this British Crown Colony. The Chinese Communists have announced by loudspeaker broadcasts to the colony's residents that "Hong Kong is Chinese soil," and "Hong Kong belongs to China."

How is it that Hong Kong has been allowed to remain as a British possession on the threshold of mainland China? Those most concerned with Hong Kong's future have found it advantageous to prolong the status quo. The Chinese Communists intend to restore Chinese rule at the "appropriate time," but have so far found it expedient to let British rule continue over this colony of 3,700,000 people occupying 398 square miles of territory. Hong Kong's Chinese residents have not pressed for self-government, believing that their personal freedoms and relatively good living conditions would be thereby disturbed.

United States Policy

Since U.S. interests are served by Hong Kong's continued existence as part of the free world, the United States seeks to preserve the colony's economic viability. The U.S. Government for this fiscal year is providing $400,000 for Hong Kong Government and voluntary relief agency programs, which are aimed at satisfying the minimum physical requirements of the needy population and at integrating the refugees more fully into the society of the colony. To the extent permitted by its other objectives, the U.S. Government supports the expansion of Hong Kong's trade and helps to promote the diversification of its industry.

The Economic Picture

Communist China's policy of direct state trading has cut back Hong Kong's former "warehouse" function. The colony has prospered, however, as the government has deliberately encouraged private enterprise, and as Chinese entrepreneurs have greatly expanded light industry. As a result, three-quarters of all exports are now local products, and unemployment—as distinct from underemployment—has been kept low, despite a continuing influx of refugees. A government and private building boom of long duration has also provided much employment. Wages are increasing periodically through union action, which is marked by little violence. Imports perennially exceed exports but are offset by Hong Kong's invisible earnings from tourism and business services.

Following are some of the major difficulties presently facing Hong Kong:

- Cotton textiles, the colony's main export, are encountering increasing import restrictions abroad.
- The youthfulness of the population makes the creation of new jobs mandatory.
- The meeting of shortages in water, housing, schools, hospitals, and social services places a severe financial burden on the colony, which is on its own and must secure greater revenue without ruining the excellent existing climate for private investment.
- Britain's entry into the Common Market would end preferential treatment for colony products in the important U.K. market.
- Despite recent anti-Government riots and demonstrations, residents of Hong Kong seem clearly to wish for the indefinite continuation of the status quo. In view of its current problems, Hong Kong's most pressing objective is the maintenance of its economic viability, which will in turn help to assure continuation of internal political stability and rising living standards. Peking's attitude toward Hong Kong is the major factor in assessing the Colony's economic future.

People and History

Hong Kong's residents are almost 99 percent Chinese, mostly of Cantonese and other stocks found in neighboring Kwangtung Province, and include more than one million refugees. Hong Kong Government policy has been to accept such refugees freely into the population without requiring that they live and work apart from the other residents. Tight Chinese Communist and British border controls keep the legal and illegal immigration between 5,000 and 10,000 per year. There are 50,000 resident foreigners in Hong Kong representing over 50 different nationalities; of these about 5,000 are Americans.

Just over 1.5 million persons are gainfully employed in the colony.

Government

Hong Kong is governed with guidance from the Colonial and Foreign Offices at London. Paramount military and civil authority is vested in an appointed British Governor representing the Crown. An Executive Council and a Legislative Council help him formulate policy and local laws. Neither body is elective, but both include members appointed from major community groups in addition to top government men appointed *ex officio*.

A Colonial Secretary presides over the civil service and rules in the Governor's absence. A British Foreign Office representative acts as Political Adviser and concerns himself with Hong Kong's foreign relations. A partially elected Urban Council has limited responsibilities in certain fields—public health, peddlers, housing.

SecDef Praises Maryland Housing Bias Resolution

Defense Secretary McNamara said he is pleased that Maryland's General Assembly has passed a resolution calling for an immediate end to housing discrimination against military personnel in the state.

In a May 25 letter to Governor Spiro T. Agnew, Mr. McNamara pledged the Defense Department would move expeditiously to carry out the intent and spirit of the mandate.

He wrote that the resolution made it clear the citizens of Maryland want a quick end to discrimination against servicemen.

Mr. McNamara also mentioned a series of recent discussions in Maryland suburban areas near Washington held with real estate operators and civic officials at DOD's intiative to gain grass root support.

The Washington metropolitan area was designated in mid-April the pilot program for equal off-base housing opportunity. Army Brig. Gen. William E. Ekman is in charge of the program. Personal contacts with real estate owners and civic leaders have been one of the prime means employed.

The military population in Maryland last June totalled 55,070, breaking down to 30,232 for the Army, 15,034 for the Navy and 9,804 for the Air Force.

Four Air Force Generals Listed for Retirement

Two Air Force generals are scheduled for July 1 retirements and two on Aug. 1.

Lt. Gen. Charles B. Westover, Vice Commander, Air Defense Command, and Lt. Gen. Paul S. Emrick, Chief of Staff, Pacific Command, have a July 1 retirement date.

Aug. 1 retirements are Gen. Kenneth B. Hobson, Commander, Air Force Logistics Command, and Lt. Gen. Herbert B. Thatcher, Commander, Air Defense Command.

HOME AGAIN—Air Force Capt. Bobby R. Butz, an F-100 Supersabre pilot with the 510th Tactical Fight Squadron, Bien Hoa AB, RVN, climbs down from his aircraft after completing a combat mission. Capt. Butz recently received the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism in Vietnam.

CL-286 Helicopter Shown At Paris Air Show

Army and Lockheed-California Co. will display a CL-286 rigid-rotor, high-speed helicopter at Paris Air Show between May 26-June 4.

The CL-286 is Lockheed-owned version of Army's XH-51A research helicopter that proved rigid-rotor system. Rotors are rigidly fixed to the mast as opposed to hinging or tethering, employed in most helicopters.

In early May, Lockheed rolled out the first prototype of Army's AH-56A "Cheyenne," a new winged rotocraft employing the rigid-rotor system. It is designed for a top speed exceeding 250 miles-per-hour.

During the air show Army will also provide static and flight demonstrations of OH-6A "Cayuse," CH-47A "Chinook," OV-1B "Mohawk," AH-1G "Huey Cobra" and the UH-1B "Iroquois."

Army Sets Up Course For Non-Pilot Warrants

Army is providing an orderly transition for newly appointed warrant officers, in accordance with a Haines Board recommendation, by setting up a Non-Pilot Warrant Officer Course at Ft. Sill, Okla., with about 200 students scheduled for July enrollment.

The three-week course is general in nature and gives an across-the-board look at the Army, similar to the orientation given warrant officer pilots during preflight training.

Haines Board members said this orientation is necessary since warrant officers are appointed on basis of technical proficiency in one specialty. The course is designed to help in transition from enlisted to warrant officer status.

Army Releases Statistics On Special Career Programs

About two-fifths of Army's more than 3,400 Special Career Programs officers are participating in Logistics (1,397) with Research and Development (541) having the second highest number, as reflected in an early-May report.

The SCP is designed for officers to develop an "expertise in depth" in their selected fields. The programs are keyed to Army's specific needs and cover 11 career areas.

In the higher participation figures are Foreign Area Specialist — 481, Procurement — 276, and Information —236.

The remaining numbers are Atomic Energy—186; Operations Research/Systems Analysis—138; Comptroller —95; Automatic Data Processing—68; Civil Affairs—43; and Intelligence —20.

Officers participating in the programs maintain branch identity and qualifications. They also compete favorably with non-program contemporaries according to previously disclosed statistics.

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